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Dear Parents & Carers

We have made it to the end of another very warm week here in sunny South Oxfordshire – but the heat has not slowed us down!

It would be remiss not to start by sharing some of the activities that have gone on as part of Year 6 Transition Days. We have had four events across the week that have included an additional morning on site for a small group of students, a Parent Welcome evening and two days of activities that have welcomed students into our school community. Over the last two days we have been blown away by the positivity, excitement and enthusiasm our incoming cohort have shown, and it has been wonderful to see new friendships blossoming as they have discussed the different activities they have done. The atmosphere on site, despite the very hot weather, has been lovely with current students acting as ambassadors and ensuring students make it to the right place on time as well as offering gentle support to get involved where needed. We finished this afternoon with a celebration assembly and the annual “Big Sing” – a great send off for students as they head back for their final days in Year 6.



These events are the culmination of months of work, often behind the scenes, led by Mrs Haycock (Head of Year 7) and has involved Primary School visits, 1:1 interviews, meetings with Year 6 teachers and SENCOs as well as numerous calls and email exchanges with parents.

On Monday around 40 students were involved in Inter-Trust Athletics, hosted by MER. Students from across Years 7-10 took part in a range of activities against their peers from the other Trust Secondary Schools. This was a great event, and we look forward to many more opportunities of this nature across the next academic year.

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On Wednesday it was our turn to host, and we welcomed students from five of the other Trust Schools to our Inclusion Sports Day run in conjunction with local charity Sport in Mind. Year 10 BTEC from MECE students were on hand to support and run the different stations – demonstrating the skills and encouraging participation. Students were given the opportunity to try some different activities including archery, mini golf, bocca ball and football darts! It was lovely to see students giving things a go and fast mastering some of the techniques. Both Mr Peck (CEO) and I had a go at some of the activities and are both eternally grateful there is no video evidence of our woeful efforts! Thanks to all the Trust staff who supported this event but a massive shout out to Mr Caldwell for masterminding it! also, a thank you to CESA who kindly came and provided ice lollies for all involved – much appreciated during the hot lunchtime!



Whilst some of Year 10 supported the Inclusion Sports Day, the remaining were whisked away to the coast for a day of collecting data as part of their Geography GCSE studies. The trip included opportunities to put theory into reality with studies of Coastal landforms as well as seeing the effects of coastal erosion and transport up close and personal. It wouldn't be a field trip without an ice cream, and I think all were pleased to see the café was well-stocked to meet this need during the afternoon. The data collected will now be analysed and evaluated back at school and later examined as part of Paper 3 in the GCSE exam next summer.

Wednesday was a very busy day with our team of “after school archers” competing at their first event on Wednesday afternoon. I am delighted to share that they were victorious beating out local schools including Gillotts, Didcot Girls and Wallingford! A superb effort from the group who are only in the early stages of mastering their techniques. Thank you to Mrs Flett for accompanying the group and for your encouragement and enthusiasm across the afternoon.



Year 9's "Get Set for Year 10" programme drew to a close on Tuesday with the handing out of PPE results from the recent assessments. The session also included an opportunity to reflect on their preparation, achievements over the year and a look forward to what Year 10 is going to bring. The results themselves were fantastic and reflected the hard work that had gone in across this summer term. The maturity Year 9 have shown across this whole process has been really exceptional and really gives us a very positive feeling about what the next two years hold.



And finally, today we have bid a fond farewell to Mr Spicer as he packs his bags ready for relocation to Japan tomorrow! Mr Spicer has been a much-valued member of the PE team for two years joining us as a Early Careers Teacher and progressing through to leading on a range of clubs and teams as well as a dynamic and enthusiastic leader of Abbey House. Teaching abroad has been a long-held passion and so whilst we are incredibly sad to lose him from the team, we know he will continue to flourish at this new opportunity in Tokyo, and we wish him the very best of luck!

A reminder that students are to continue to wear PE kit for the remainder of the term. Sorry to nag, but please ensure students have appropriate footwear on – Crocs are not a replacement for trainers!

Next week we have Sports Day on Wednesday – as part of fundraising activities we will be selling ice lollies for £1 – please buy your ticket through ParentPay by Tuesday 1pm.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend and hoping you can find some shade or at least a fan!

Yours

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